

Bible Study Lesson: “Blessed Hope—Gathered, Purified, and Called to Blessing”

Setting: Individual study

Leader’s note: Read each passage slowly, preferably aloud. Keep a journal open. This lesson can be done in one sitting or spread over four days, one passage per day.

Theme

God’s people are a diverse, redeemed, and beloved community. We are gathered around the Lamb, called children of God, purified by hope, and invited to live as people of blessing—even in suffering—while we wait to see Christ face to face.

Scripture Focus

- Revelation 7:9-17 — The great multitude before the throne
- Psalm 34:1-10, 22 — Taste and see that the Lord is good
- 1 John 3:1-3 — We are God’s children now; hope purifies
- Matthew 5:1-12 — The Beatitudes: kingdom blessing

Key Verse: “They will hunger no more, and thirst no more... and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” — Revelation 7:16-17 (paraphrase)

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, Lamb of God and Good Shepherd, open your Word to me. Teach me to worship with your whole church, to rest in your grace, to live as your child, and to walk in the blessing of your kingdom. Amen.

Summary

These readings together paint a picture of the Christian life from beginning to end. Revelation shows the end of the story: a countless multitude from every nation stands

before the throne, not because they are powerful or perfect, but because their robes are washed in the blood of the Lamb. The Lamb becomes their Shepherd, leading them to living water and wiping every tear. Psalm 34 invites us into that same posture now—praise, humility, seeking the Lord, and testifying that God is good. First John tells us who we are in the present: beloved children of God. What we will become is not yet fully seen, but our hope in Christ purifies us. Matthew 5 describes the kind of people this hope produces—poor in spirit, mourning, meek, hungry for righteousness, merciful, pure in heart, peacemaking, and even persecuted. Jesus calls them “blessed,” not because life is easy, but because the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

Key Points

1. Worship is our destination and our identity.

Revelation 7:9 shows a multinational multitude before the throne. God’s people are not defined by one culture, status, or tribe. Our future is worship, and our present life is training for it.

2. Holiness is a gift before it is an achievement.

The multitude wears white robes “washed in the blood of the Lamb.” This is a paradox: purity comes through Jesus’ sacrificial death, not our self-made goodness. Grace both saves us and calls us to purity.

3. The Lamb is also the Shepherd.

Revelation 7:17 gives one of the tenderest images in Scripture: the Lamb shepherds God’s people to springs of living water and wipes away tears. Suffering is real, but it is not the final word.

4. You are already God’s child.

1 John 3:1-2 says, “See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.” Identity comes before behavior. We obey because we are loved, not to become loved.

5. Hope has a purifying power.

Because we will see Christ and become like him, we are called to purify ourselves—not by self-effort alone, but by cooperating with the Spirit’s work. Future hope shapes present holiness.

6. Kingdom blessing looks upside-down.

In Matthew 5, Jesus blesses the poor in spirit, the mourners, the meek, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted. The world says blessing is comfort, success, and approval. Jesus says blessing is God's favor resting on those who depend on him.

7. Praise and testimony belong together.

Psalm 34 says, "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Praise is not denial of pain; it is testimony that God is faithful in the midst of it. Verse 22 anchors us: "The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned."

Questions for Reflection

Revelation 7:9-17

1. When you picture the great multitude "from every nation, tribe, people, and language," what does that reveal about God's heart—and how does it challenge your view of the church?
2. What does it mean to you that the white robes are "washed in the blood of the Lamb"? Where are you tempted to rely on your own goodness instead of Christ's grace?
3. Revelation says God will wipe away every tear. What tears, griefs, or disappointments do you need to entrust to the Shepherd today?

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

4. The psalmist says, "I will bless the Lord at all times." What would it look like for you to practice praise in a hard season without pretending pain does not exist?
5. What does "taste and see that the Lord is good" mean for your daily life? Where have you experienced God's goodness recently?
6. How does verse 22—God redeeming and not condemning those who take refuge in him—give you comfort?

1 John 3:1-3

7. How does knowing you are "God's child now" change the way you approach God, yourself, and others?

8. What does it mean that “we will be like him”? How does that hope purify or reorder your desires?

9. Where do you need to receive God’s love more deeply rather than trying to earn it?

Matthew 5:1-12

10. Which Beatitude feels most true in your life right now? Which one feels hardest to receive or live out? Why?

11. How does Jesus’ definition of “blessed” differ from what your culture calls blessed?

12. How do these Beatitudes connect to the hope and worship found in Revelation, Psalm 34, and 1 John?

Application

As you close this study, choose one or two of these practices for the coming week:

1. Practice daily praise. Each morning, write one sentence beginning, “I bless the Lord because...” Even on hard days, name one evidence of God’s goodness.

2. Remember your identity. Memorize 1 John 3:1. When shame or comparison rises, repeat: “I am God’s beloved child—now.”

3. Widen your vision of the church. Pray for Christians from a nation, language, or culture different from your own. Ask God to deepen your love for the global church.

4. Bring your tears to the Shepherd. Name one grief before God. Read Revelation 7:17 slowly and ask Jesus to comfort you.

5. Live one Beatitude. Choose “mercy,” “peacemaking,” or “purity of heart.” Ask the Spirit to show you one concrete way to practice it this week.

6. Taste and see. Share a testimony of God’s goodness with one trusted friend or journal it. Praise becomes stronger when it is spoken.

Journal prompt: Where do I most need to hear Jesus say, “You are blessed,” and how does the hope of seeing him face to face change how I live today?

Closing Prayer

Father, thank you for making me your child through Jesus Christ. Lamb of God, thank you for washing me clean and shepherding me. Holy Spirit, fill me with hope that purifies and courage to live as one who is blessed. Gather me with your people from every nation, wipe away my tears, and teach me to taste and see that you are good. Amen.